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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

William Ho CHANG et al

Application No: 10/053,651

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: METHOD FOR UNIVERSAL DATA OUTPUT

Confirmation No:
4711

Art Unit: 2625

Examiner:
Scott A. Schlack

PETITION FOR TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment mailed January 18, 2007 and to restore this application to pending status.

An Office Action was mailed on August 23, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response of three months, expiring November 23, 2006, and a final period for response expiring February 23, 2006.

The notice of abandonment was mailed on January 18, 2007, i.e. before the final period for reply had expired, and refers to a document that was filed October 10, 2006 as a purported reply to the action and asserts that the document was not a proper reply. The document that was filed on October 10, 2006 was not presented as a reply to the action but was a petition by applicant's attorney to withdraw from representation. In any event, having been mailed before the final period for reply had

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expired the notice of abandonment was premature.

The PAIR record for this application shows that a reply to the Office Action was filed on January 23, 2007 with a petition for two months' extension of time and payment of the extension fee of \$225. See the accompanying copy of the PAIR record accessed on May 12, 2007. Accordingly, the reply was timely. Even if the reply filed January 23, 2007 was deficient in some fashion, it is clearly a bona fide attempt at a proper reply.

In the circumstances, applicant submits that the notice of abandonment was improper and should be withdrawn and that this application should be restored to pending status. Since the reply was received in the Office, no copy is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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